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WEATHER TO-DAY-FAIR

PRICE TWO CENTS:

TORREON SUBURB STILL SCENE OF FIERCE FIGHTING

Rebels Claim That Federal Dead Will Number 700.

ROSEATE RUMORS OF ONWARD SWEEP

Optimism of Early Reports at Chihuahua Somewhat Dashed by Dispatch Saying That Battle Continues at Gomez Palacio-Relief for Huerta's Financial Stress.

Chihuahua, March 24 .-- An official dispatch received at 5 o'clock says The rebels are said to have the stone railroad roundrebels claim that the Federal dead will

No report as to their own losses has seen made public, but it is learned that they have at least eighty wounded.

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umors and "official" reports of the oncame word that General Eu-

spire his soldiers with desperate courage.

Reep Soldiers Apart.

Secretary Garrison to-day suggested to General Bliss, in answer to the latter's telegram respecting the disposition to be made of the score of Constitutionalists soldiers driven across the Rio Grande by Federals yesterday near Del Rio, that it would be wise to keep this party separate from Federal soldiers detained at Fort Bliss. The Ainey resolution, calling on the President for information regarding the stotection of foreigners in Mexico, probably will come up in the House to-morrow. The Foreign Affairs Committee is expected to report the resolution diversely.

Secretary Reyan will appear before the Senate Foreign Relations Commit-vee to discuss State Department mat-ters, but it is understood there has been no arrangement for a conference on the Mexican situation.

Mexican situation.

Governor Colquitt's offer of a reward of \$1,000 for delivery upon Texas soil of five Mexicans suspected as murderers of Clemente Vergara has caused State and War Department officials se-

rious concern.

The right of the Governor to offer a The right of the Governor to offer a reward for apprehension of a fugitive is not denied by the officials, but in this case it is feared that the offer may lead to an attempt to kidnap the Mexicans and bring them into Texas, which would be violation of the extradition treaty between Mexico and the United States, and afford the Mexican government ground for a demand for punishmeni of the kidnappers with all kinds of legal entanglements.

legal entanglements. arther reports on the incident near Del Rio, Texas, where Mexican Fed-erals fred across the Rio Grande at American troopers, say more than 500 shots were directed at the soldiers, to

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SPEER WILLING TO RETIRE

Wants House Committee to Withdraw
Charges Aginst Him.

Washington, March 24.—Judge Emory
Speer's statement that he would "not
be unwilling" to accept retirement if
the House Judiciary Committee withdrew charges against him are to be
disregarded by the Webb subcommittee, it was said to-day, Judiciary Committee, it was said to-day, Judiciary Committee, in accordance with their conceptions of duty after consideration of all
matter which has been submitted to it
withdraws the charges against me in a
manner as public as they have been
made, I will not be unwilling to accept
retirement upon the same terms that
I might when I reach the age of
seventy."

The Webb subcommittee is consider.

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The Webb subcommittee is considering the evidence taken, and soon will be ready to formulate conclusions to report to the entire committee for its guidance in reporting recommendations to the House on the proposed impeachment.

Judge Speer denied the suggestion that he retire in any way emanated from him, and said he never had contemplated such action as a result of the House committee's investigation. His statement was called forth, he says, by an inquiry from Representative Adamson concerning the retirement reports.

INDORSEMENTS MISPLACED

DENY TRUTH OF REPORT

Officials of Newport News Company Confer With Duniels.

Washington, March 21—Secretary Daniels to-day conferred with A. L. Hopkins, president, and Homer L. Ferguson, general manager of the Newport News, Va. Shipbuilding Company concerning reports reaching the Navy Department that representatives of the sompany had sought to influence Lieu.

ANGELL DISCUSSES WAR

Speaks at Stanford University on Jap-naese and Mexican Situations. Stanford University, Cal., March 24, Normal Angell, noted enemy of war, and author of "The Great Illusion."

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Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

New London, March 21—A messages that the policy of the government is the country of the c

VIGOROUS FIGHT ON TOLLS REPEAL

Up for Debate by To-Morrow.

ADAMSON REPORT STIRS INTEREST

Leaders on Both Sides of Issue Keystone Section of Proposed Align Their Forces and Prepare Arguments-Considerable Speculation as to

INDORSEMENTS MISPLACED

Reason for Delay in Nominating Burch, for Marshal in Western District. ISpecial to The Times-Dispatch.]

Washington, March 24.—It became known to-day that the apparent delay in nominating Thomas Burch, of Martinsville, to be United States marshal for the Western District, was caused alrough the loss of a large bundle of indorsments, which were forwarded to the Department of Justice, along with the recommendation for his appointment, signed by Senators Martin and Swanson. The papers which were apparently mislaid in the department somewhere have not been found, and another paper bearing the indorsement of most of the members of the Virginia delegation was filed with the department to-day.

It is now expected that the nemination of Burch, together with that of Richard II. Mann, of Petersburg, to be district attorney for the Eastern District will be sent to the Senate on Wednesday.

It is known that all of those nominated, with the exception of John Hart, will be confirmed at the same lime towards the end of this week. Hart's nomination will probably be rejected, Judging from the precent indications. What move will follow that is problemetical.

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Washington, March 24.—Congress is on the verge of the most vigorous legislation, March 24.—Congress is on the verge of the most vigorous legislative struggle that has enlivened its proceedings in many years—the contest of the papers will be corrected its proceedings in many years—the contest of the most vigorous legislation, was caused in the verge of the most vigorous legislation, was caused in the verge of the most vigorous legislation will be corrected that the verge of the most vigorous legislation of the verge of the most vigorous legislation, that the verge of the most vigorous legislation of the verge of th

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Chamberinin Resolution.

"My chief purpose in introducing this resolution." said Senator Chamberlain to-night, "is to show if, as repeal champions maintain, the toll exemption to American shippers is a ship subsidy granted by the government, that it has always been the policy of the government since 1884 to subsidize our shipping. If we are going to change our shipping tolls at Panama, we ought to charge tolls elsewhere."

There will be discussion of the resolution in the Senate to-morrow, Sena-

SENATE WILL TAKE SEPARATE ACTION ON TRUST BILLS

Sims Bill Will Be Called Committee Is Drafting Single Measure to Embrace All Features.

> WILL NOT REQUIRE EXTENDED DEBATE

Law Provides Interstate Trade Commission of Five Members Instead of Three, as in House, and Gives More Authority.

his committee would take up for consideration in the near future the Bristow and Shafroth resolutions, introduced last week, after the defeat of the resolution providing for submission of a constitutional amendment, extending suffrage to women.

Leader of the woman suffrage movement had asked the Senator for a hearing, but this, he said to-day, would not be necessary, as the committee is thoroughly informed on the subject. The Bristow resolution is identical with the Chamberlain amendment, defeated last week, and Senator Thomas favors this over the Shafroth amendment, which proposes that sufrage be granted to women in any State whenever it is approved by a majority, after the subject has been submitted to the electorate on petition of a per cent of the voters of the State.

"The Bristow resolution," said Senator Thomas, "is identical with the recently defeated constitutional amendment, and in my judgment, is the only one to be reported favorably to the Senate. It cannot be improved upon either in phraseology or purpose."

Another Roems of Argument.

Woman suffragists and antis had another round of argument to say be

another found of argument to-day before the House Elections Committee—
this time over the bill to permit certain qualified women to vote at congressional elections. Spectators who
claimed they were unbiased thought
the arguments about even.

Rev. Olive Brown, of Racine, Wis,
and Mrs. Clara Colby, of Portland, Ore,
presented the case of the suffragists,
and Miss Lucy Frice and Miss Minnie
Bronson, the latter secretary of the
National Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage, declared a majority of
the women of the United States did not
wish to vote.

Representative French, of Idaho, and
Representative Sherley, of Kentucky,
had a joint debate that interrupted
the hearing. Mr. Sherley contended
the courts had beld the States sole
judges of qualifications of their voters
and that it was beyond the power of
the Federal government to intervena

BRITISH MINISTER OF WAR



LOSS OF \$1,000,000 FEARED HUSBAND IN DURHAM FIRE WOULD KILL EDITOR

For Some Time Entire Business Madame Caillaux Tells Exam-Section of City Was Threatened.

ining Magistrate Reason for Murder of Calmette.

Against Privileges Accorded

Her Put in Isolation Cells.

WHOLE BLOCK IS DESTROYED CLUTCHED BY TERRIBLE FEAR

Company of Militia Patrols Women Prisoners Who Protest Burned District to Prevent Looting.

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WILL FACE DANGER FROM REBELLION IN HIS OWN RANKS Asquith's Standing May

Depend on Statements in Parliament To-Day.

DID HE SURRENDER TO ARMY OFFICERS?

Liberals Denounce Giving In to Military Oligarchy, and Criticize King With Great Freedom - Telling Demonstration in House of Commons Shows How Land Lies.